Evasion of Customs Duty by a Bombay based Company

1113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the investigations relating to evasion of customs duty in the import of seamless pipes and tubes and stainless steel covers for supply to ONGC;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether he is also aware that M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (Private) Limited have again been cleared to offer goods to ONGC; and

(d) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Investigations have since been completed and a show cause notice has been issued on 25|4|1991 to M/s. P. J. Pipes and others proposing (i) the recovery of customs duty amounting to Rs. 7,18,95,049/-, (ii) confiscation of the offending goods and (iii) imposition of penalty on the firm/persons concerned.

(c) and (d) M/s. ONGC had not debarred M/s. P. J. Pipes & Vessels Pvt. Ltd. from offering tenders/ offers to ONGC. Hence, the question of again clearing them for participating in ONGC tenders does not arise.

Admission of SC and ST Candidates in IIT

1114. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reservation for SC/ST candidates for admission to the B.Tech. Courses in the Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) if so, what is the year-wise break up of the number of candidates belonging to SC and ST selected since 1980;

(c) whether some seats reserved for these communities were left unfilled, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is reservation for these communities in the M.Tech. Courses also in the Indian Institutes of Technology?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In all the five IITs there is 15 per cent reservation for Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent for Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The year-wise break-up is as under:

Year	SC	ST
1980 . . .	137	17
1981 . . .	051	03
1982 . . .	051	07
1983 . . .	110	16
1984 . . .	095	22
1985 . . .	121	22
1986 . . .	175	31
1987 . . .	088	18
1988 . . .	082	21
1989 . . .	120	18
1990 . . .	096	17
1991 . . .	104	14

(c) Yes, Sir. The main reasons are:

(i) To ensure that the student is able to cope with the academic requirements only those SC|ST students are admitted in the under graduate programme who secure in the Joint Entrance Examination at